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Note verbale dated 5 March 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) concerning the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and has the honour to refer to a letter dated 26 October 2007 (Ref.: S/AC.44/2007/ODA/OC.109), containing a request for up-to-date information on the measures taken, or intended to be taken, by the Government of Iceland to implement the above-mentioned Security Council resolution, in order to facilitate the preparation of a report regarding the implementation of that resolution.

The Permanent Mission of Iceland has the honour to transmit with this note the requested information in the form of the second report of Iceland regarding the implementation of resolution 1540 (see annex), as well as a matrix containing an overview of the Icelandic legislation in this regard.

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Second report of Iceland pursuant to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

Iceland is firmly committed to full and effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) on combating the production, acquisition and use of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, in particular by non-State actors.

The first national report, of 28 October 2004, submitted by Iceland pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) outlined in detail how the resolution is implemented in Iceland. That information has now been supplemented in the enclosed matrix,[1] as requested by the Chair of the 1540 Committee. It includes references to relevant national legislation and related international instruments. It should be noted that all the laws and regulations can be accessed on the web, as described in the matrix.

The main changes since 2004 are the following.

International cooperation

Iceland participates or supports the following initiatives: the Proliferation Security Initiative; the Global Threat Reduction Initiative; the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism; and the Financial Action Task Force.

Treaties

Iceland has ratified or acceded to the following conventions/treaties: the Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (signed on 16 September 2005); the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (signed on 16 May 2005); the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (in force, 27 April 2006); the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency (in force, 26 February 2006).

Laws

Act on measures against money-laundering and terrorist financing, No. 64/2006; Customs Act No. 88/2005. New legislation is in preparation on the enforcement of Security Council resolutions, terrorist financing and export controls.

[1] The matrix is available for consultation in the Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch.